

SENATE BILL 639

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to payment for healthcare services
associated with inpatient mental health facilities
and hospitals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2601, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

() Any hospital primarily licensed for the purposes of providing mental health services under title 33, chapter 2, shall not be responsible under any contract for payment of healthcare services which that hospital is not licensed to provide. For purposes of payment, if an admitted patient at a hospital primarily licensed for the purposes of providing mental health services under title 33, chapter 2, is referred to a physician outside of the hospital or to another licensed healthcare facility for services outside the routine scope of services for the mental health hospital during that patient's admission, an insurer may provide payment directly to the physician or to the healthcare facility for those services without release of the patient from the mental health hospital.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.